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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Applicants are submitting herewith on Form PTO-1449, a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in parent application Serial No. 08/875,115, filed November 20, 1997. The relevance of these documents is explained in the parent application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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